

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser for holding a large number of tablets and for dispensing them one by one, comprising two housing halves of the same length which are assembled on each other like a box; a housing bottom part with a dispensing opening arranged in the side wall for individual tablets and a housing top part without a front wall at the dispensing side with a chase barrier arranged in the interior of the dispensing housing at the front side, which are connected in such a way that enables them to be displaced parallel to the container axis in opposite directions, by means of this travel the dispensing opening is alternately opened and closed, ~~characterized in that,~~ wherein,

a) the chase barrier has a nose-shaped design with a wider back which protrudes in steps at the dispensing side and which is arranged such that its lateral distance to the side wall of the housing top part located at the dispensing side is larger than, and that to the side wall of the housing bottom part located at the dispensing side is smaller than the diameter of the tablets.

b) a dead storage barrier is arranged in the interior of the dispenser housing on the housing bottom part in the housing corner opposite the dispensing opening.

c) the dead storage barrier and the chase barrier in the interior of the dispenser housing are designed and arranged to be displaceable relative to each other such that they act together as dosing elements and with each displacement travel of the housing halves only one tablet at a time reaches the dispensing area of the dispensing opening.

2. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the dead storage barrier is arranged as far up to the front side of the dispenser housing located at the dispensing side such that its wider back abuts the front wall of the housing bottom part in the starting position of the dispenser.

3. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according ~~claims 1 or 2,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the dead storage barrier in the housing interior located at the corner of the dispenser housing opposite the dispensing opening is dimensioned such that it at least partially fills the space between the chase barrier and the side wall of the housing bottom part at the dispensing side in a starting

position of the tablet dispenser and is displaced in a dispensing position of the tablet dispenser such that it closes off the space between the chase barrier and the side wall of the housing bottom part at the dispensing side to the front with its lower edge and thus prevents any possible trail of tablets around the front of the chase barrier.

4. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one or several of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein for flat tablets whose thickness is substantially smaller than the housing depth so that two or more tablets can lie on top of each other, an additional ramp-like dosing element is mounted on the housing bottom part for pre-dosing the tablets in the interior of the dispenser housing in the intake area toward the dispensing opening.

5. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ramp-like dosing element is concavely shaped from the bottom side of the housing bottom part with webs arranged in this cavity for the stabilizing thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one or several of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the front wall of the housing bottom part located at the dispensing side exhibits a recess whose width is smaller than the tablet diameter and

corresponds to the width of the wide back of the chase barrier and which is closed by means of the inserted wide back of the chase barrier in a closed tablet dispenser.

7. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one or several of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein a cam is arranged on the inside top surface of housing top part which restricts the displacement of the housing top part during the dispensing of tablets by abutting the rear front wall of the housing bottom part opposite the dispensing opening.

8. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein an arched web is arranged on the inside top surface of the top part next to the chase barrier, which by contacting the dead storage barrier, hampers the unintentional opening and closing of the tablet dispenser and which signals the opening and closing acoustically and/or with a tactile sensation.

9. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one or several of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein a repositioning device with a spring element is arranged in the area of the housing top part opposite the dispensing opening which supports itself at the rear front wall of the housing bottom part and which is

tensioned during the dispensing of tablets by the displacement of the housing top part.

10. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one or several of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the front wall of the top part opposite the dispensing opening exhibits a recess in order to facilitate the displacement of the housing halves from the outside.

11. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one or several of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the dosing elements are manufactured as segments in one piece with the housing halves.

12. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one or several of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein both housing halves of the dispenser housing are connected to each other at both of their longitudinal side walls by means of a detachable locking mechanism, for example by a clip lock.

13. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to ~~one or several of the preceding claims 1 to 12, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein it is designed to be refilled following emptying.